Thursday, *the* *29th July 1943* / *13th Karkadagam 1118*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble President (A. F. W. DIXON Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.) in the Chair.

Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, T. P. Poulose and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

EPIDEMICS—INCREASE OF—STEPS TAKEN TO PREVENT

22. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government are aware that diseases like Typhoid, Malaria and Cholera are on the increase in the State;

(*b*) whether the mosquito and fly nuisance are not growing;

(*c*) whether the Public Health Department are coping with the situation with success?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) There is some increase in the incidence of infectious diseases as Cholera, Typhoid and Malaria in the State.

(*b*) There is no evidence that mosquito or fly nuisance has abnormally increased.

(*c*) The Department is doing everything possible to reduce incidence and to prevent the spread of the above diseases.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Was Trichur infested with mosquitoes now as some two years back?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Always there were mosquitoes. Even now, there are mosquitoes. I do not know whether it is on the increase.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what are the steps taken to reduce the incidence of infectious diseases and to prevent the spread of the disease?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Anti-infectious measures, inoculation, etc. That is all that we could do and next year there is a proposal to have anti-mosquito campaign in Ernakulam and Mattancheri.

POSTS OF MENIALS—REPRESENTATION TO UNREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

23. Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have repeatedly issued circulars to appointing authorities to give preference to applicants from communities which are inadequately represented in the State Service, when they make appointments to posts of menials;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to place on the Council Table a copy each of the said circular or circulars?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Copies of the circulars are placed on the Council Table.

Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* What necessitated the Government to issue the series of circulars to the Departmental heads?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Practically, it was done at the instance of this House. On more than one occasion it came up before this House and we brought to the notice of the Heads of Departments once again that these inequalities should be removed.

Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Are we to take it that the departmental heads are not obeying the orders?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* They are obeying the orders; but still it is always better to remind them once again.

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